

Senate File 71 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for waivers of certain community attraction
2 and tourism program requirements and including retroactive
3 applicability provisions.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 15F.207 Waivers of matching funds
2 requirements.

3 1. An applicant for financial assistance under the
4 provisions of this subchapter may apply to the vision Iowa
5 board for a waiver of any local or private matching moneys
6 required of the applicant by the board pursuant to section
7 15F.202.

8 2. To qualify for a waiver pursuant to this section, an
9 applicant shall meet all of the following requirements:

10 a. The applicant shall be located in an area declared a
11 disaster area by the governor or by a federal official.

12 b. The applicant shall apply for the waiver within two years
13 of the date the disaster declaration was issued.

14 c. The applicant shall demonstrate that a waiver is
15 necessary as a result of the natural disaster. For the
16 purposes of this paragraph, a waiver shall be considered
17 necessary if the disaster has materially contributed to
18 difficulties in financing the applicant's project.

19 3. The board may grant a waiver for all or a portion of the
20 amount requested to be waived pursuant to this section.

21 4. The board may place reasonable conditions or
22 requirements specific to the project on any applicant receiving
23 a waiver pursuant to this section.

24 Sec. 2. RETROACTIVE APPLICABILITY. This Act applies
25 retroactively to July 1, 2010, for applicants applying on or
26 after that date whose applications are still pending before the
27 vision Iowa board.

28 EXPLANATION

29 This bill provides for waivers of the matching funds
30 requirements for applicants under the community attraction and
31 tourism program and the river enhancement community attraction
32 and tourism program if the applicants are located in declared
33 disaster areas.

34 In 2009, the general assembly passed Senate File 336
35 providing for such waivers, but only between July 1, 2009, and

1 June 30, 2010. In order to extend the availability of waivers
2 for the remainder of calendar year 2010, the bill applies
3 retroactively to July 1, 2010, for applicants applying on or
4 after that date whose applications are still pending before the
5 vision Iowa board.